

Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Meeting

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SUMMARY

The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (“Coordinating Council” or “Council”) held a meeting on June 13, 2019. The meeting was hosted by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Council members participated in person and via phone, and members of the public observed.

Elizabeth Wolfe, *OJJDP Training and Outreach Coordinator, and Designated Federal Official of the Coordinating Council*, along with other staff members, supported the meeting.

Caren Harp, *OJJDP Administrator and Vice-Chair of the Coordinating Council*, led and moderated the meeting.

Matt M. Dummermuth, *Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General*, provided introductory remarks.

Victor Vieth, *Director of Education and Research at the Zero Abuse Project, and Founder of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC)*, presented on the Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST).

Andrea Darr, *Director of the West Virginia Center for Children’s Justice*, provided an overview of the center’s implementation of the Handle with Care program.

WELCOME, OPENING REMARKS, INTRODUCTIONS

Elizabeth Wolfe welcomed everyone to the Coordinating Council meeting. She reviewed logistics and the agenda, and noted that the meeting would be webcast and open to the public for observation.

Remarks by OJJDP Administrator Caren Harp

Administrator Harp, welcomed the participants, noting that one element of the Council’s job is to collaborate and to report out on that collaboration. She reported that OJJDP and the U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are working together to leverage HHS resources to support homeless youth and bring the resources to the state advisory groups. OJJDP also is collaborating with the Department of Defense.

Administrator Harp explained that OJJDP needs to know about interagency collaborations and seeks members' recommendations regarding issues raised in Council meetings. The office will use those pieces of information in preparing its Council report after the end of the fiscal year.

Remarks by Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Matt M. Dummermuth

Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Dummermuth provided introductory remarks on the serious problem of child abuse. He described DOJ's commitment to support innovative and effective approaches to improving community responses to child abuse and neglect and children's exposure to violence.

PRESENTATION: CHILD ADVOCACY STUDIES TRAINING

Victor Vieth, *Director of Education and Research at the Zero Abuse Project, and Founder of the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC)*

Administrator Harp welcomed, thanked, and introduced the presenter.

Mr. Vieth presented on how Winona State University partnered with NCPTC to create the intensive, interdisciplinary Child Advocacy Training Studies (CAST) minor for undergraduates. CAST educates future professionals to prevent, identify, and respond to child maltreatment more effectively. Among other features, CAST provides students with real-world experience in a classroom setting. The program has been implemented nationally in other colleges and universities. CAST programs for graduate students have been established in medical schools, law schools, and seminaries.

PRESENTATION: HANDLE WITH CARE

Andrea Darr, *Director of the West Virginia Center for Children's Justice*

Ms. Darr provided an overview of the West Virginia Center for Children's Justice's implementation of the Handle with Care program, which aims to ensure that children who are exposed to trauma receive appropriate interventions so they can succeed in school to the best of their ability. The program is currently being put into practice in 27 states.

Handle with Care alerts a child's school or child care agency that the child was on the scene of a police action in the last 24 hours and was exposed to a traumatic event—such as an incident of domestic violence, a shooting in the neighborhood, or a drug raid at the home. Police are trained to identify children at the scene, find out where they go to school or daycare, and send the school or agency an e-mail, text, or fax requesting that the child's teachers and school staff be on the alert for possible academic, emotional, or behavioral problems.

WRAP-UP AND ADJOURNMENT

The Council will meet next on September 12, 2019.

Administrator Harp expressed thanks to the panelists for all of the information and recommendations they provided.

Public comments may be sent to Elizabeth Wolfe, OJJDP Training and Technical Assistance Coordinator, at Elizabeth.Wolfe@ojp.usdoj.gov.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.